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SUBJ: SPINOLA VIEWS ON MOZAMBIQUE UPRISING

1. DIPLOMATIC AIDE TO PRESIDENT SPINOLA, NUNES BARRATA
TOLD EMBOFF SEP 18 THAT SPINOLA HAD REPEATEDLY WARNED
FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY MUST RECOGNIZE AND
WORK WITH NON-FRELIMO ELEMENTS WITHIN MOZAMBIQUE. BARRRATA
POINTED OUT THAT FOR PRAGMATIC REASONS THE PORTUGUESE HAD
NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN POWER OVER TO ONLY SIGNIFICANT
OPPOSITION FORCE. SPINOLA WARNED FRELIMO THAT THEY WOULD
BE FOOLISH TO TRY AND IMPOSE ANOTHER NON-DEMOCRATIC,
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ONE-PARTY STATE. RECENT MOZAMBIQUE UPRISING WAS,
IN BARRATA'S VIEW, EVIDENCE OF FRELIMO FAILURE TO HEED

ADVICE. BARRATA ADDED THAT SPINOLA NOW FEELS THAT FRELIMO HAS LEARNED THE LESSON AND REALIZES THAT LATEST UPRISING WHICH SHOOK LOURENCO MARQUES COULD HAVE BEEN THE "MARCH 16" FOR MOZAMBIQUE. (MARCH 16 WAS DATE OF CALDAS DA RAINHA ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT.)

2. COMMENT: ACCURACY OF SPINOLA WARNING TO FRELIMO AS WELL AS OPPOSITION WITHIN GOP PUTS PRESIDENT IN AN "I TOLD YOU SO" POSITION AND SHOULD AID HIS EFFORTS TO GAIN MORE DIRECT CONTROL OVER FUTURE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS.
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